

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1084

By Bowling

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of former Public Defender Investigator Dale Conn of the 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dale Conn in November of 2021, a Public Defender Investigator for the 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial District for thirty-two years; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of the Coffee County community, Mr. Conn was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens and clients in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Tullahoma in 1951, Mr. Conn graduated from Tullahoma High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Conn began his career in the Tullahoma Police Department, the Tennessee Highway Patrol, and the Coffee County Sheriff Department; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Mr. Conn became a Public Defender Investigator for the 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, serving Coffee County, a position he held for thirty-two years and served in at the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Mr. Conn was an excellent investigator who cared for his clients and worked assiduously to help zealously represent them; he was well-loved and respected by his office teammates, fellow investigators, attorneys, and local judges because of his commitment to the practices of his office; and

WHEREAS, much more than an investigator, Mr. Conn was a daily sounding board for his colleagues, a trusted confidant to clients, and a beacon of joy and hope to all people with whom he came in touch; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Conn was involved in a multitude of professional, civic, and social organizations and endeavors, including the Masonic Lodge, and made multiple mission trips locally, as well as to the Dominican Republic; and

WHEREAS, also deeply devoted to his family, he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Conn was most grateful for the relationship he shared with his son, James, and daughter, Michelle, and their spouses; the doting grandfather of five, he was eagerly awaiting the birth of his soon-to-arrive great-granddaughter; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Conn demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his coworkers and his community alike; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Conn leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all of his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and friend to all; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor the memory of Dale Conn, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dale Conn.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.